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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13318-003]

Swan Lake North Hydro LLC; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Swan Lake North Pumped Storage Project and Intention to Hold Public Meeting

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Swan Lake North Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project, located about 11 miles northeast of Klamath Falls in Klamath County, Oregon, and has prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. The project would occupy 730 acres of federal lands administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, state lands, and private lands.

The draft EIS contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the draft EIS is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp.

Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-13318-003.

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS (18 CFR 380.10).

You must file your request to intervene as specified above.¹

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, you are invited to attend a public meeting that will be held to receive comments on the draft EIS. The time and location of the meeting is as follows:

DATE: September 26, 2018

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mt. Mazama Room, College Union, Oregon Institute of Technology

ADDRESS: 3201 Campus Drive, Klamath Falls, OR 97601

At this meeting, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and recommendations regarding the draft EIS. The meeting will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (verbal and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for the project. This meeting is posted on the Commission's calendar located at http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

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